



# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Tad Walczyk - Pastor  
Deacon John Schwarzbauer  
Deacon Wayne McCulloch  
Deacon Gordon Lee

## STAFF

Sara Moreno-Stober - Office Administrator  
Lisa Baker - Pastoral Administrator  
Marcel Raes - Custodian  
Emy Lomibao-de Asis - Friday Asst.  
Grant Lalata - Youth Minister

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Closed for lunch 12 - 1:00 pm  
CLOSED MONDAYS

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 am  
Saturday - 9:00 am  
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am

## FIRST FRIDAY

Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am - 7:00 pm  
All other Fridays: Adoration 9:30 am - 1 pm

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am  
4:00 - 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

## PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon., Tues., & Thurs. - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Wed. & Fri. - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm  
First Friday - 9:30 am to 7:00 pm

## DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
(Before Weekday Masses)  
Mother of Perpetual Help  
Novena  
(After Wednesday Mass)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
(Before Friday Masses)

## BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow up to 3 months for a Baptismal date, which will be given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. Baptism Ceremonies are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and on the 4th Sunday if needed.

## MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the parish **one year in advance**. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage no date may be set until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call the Parish Office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

## MEMORIAL MASS

See website for policy.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Form available in the foyer or on the website.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Altar Society  
AV Team  
Children's Liturgy  
Counter's Ministry  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Federation of North American Explorers  
Finance Committee  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Greeters/Ushers  
Knights of Columbus  
Lectors  
Media Stand & Bookstall  
Movie Night  
Parish Council  
Parish Music Ministry  
Prayer Shawl  
RCIA & RCIC  
Rosary Apostolate  
Sacramental Preparation  
Social Committee  
Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Women's Ministry  
Youth Ministry

## VOCATIONS TORONTO

Serra House  
T: 416-968-0997  
W: vocationstoronto.ca

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606  
W: archtoronto.org

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School  
333 Glad Park Ave.  
T: 905-640-2915

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751 Hoover Park Dr.  
T: 905-642-6728

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223 Millard St.  
T: 905-642-5100

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École catholique  
Pape-François  
276 Sunset Blvd.  
T: 905-642-3440

## PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

As evidence of living one's faith the person requesting a reference must be registered for at least 12 months and genuinely trying to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as supporting the Church, its charities and mission work. They are also encouraged to get involved in a parish ministry.

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † José Chamalé req. by Chamalé Family
- † Wilma Willan req. by Peter Willan
- † Souls in Purgatory req. by Lorraine Majcen
- † David Silveira req. by Lisa Silveira
- † Giuseppe & Antonina Gucciardi req. by Marsia Gucciardi
- † Diego Accardo req. by Nuccia Accardo
- † Tony Trentadue req. by Family
- † Deceased members of the Rigillo & Di Rienzo Families req. by Di Rienzo Family

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Ida Altomare

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

- † Giuseppe & Fiorina Castriota req. by Adele Castriota

**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

- † Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Fr. Tad

**Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

- † Cong Family req. by Diep Cong
- † Mario Raponi req. by Grace Raponi & Family
- † Egidio Gullo req. by Pasquale Gullo
- † Francisco Reis req. by Nida & Sonya
- † Tio Osorio req. by Nida & Sonya
- † Maria Tran req. by Anna Nguyen
- † Wilbert Punsalan req. by Grace Abad

**@ 5 pm**

- † Margherita & Lorenzo De Filippis req. by Dina & Michael Simon

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

- † Intentions of Avelina Dela Rosa req. by Marie Grace Abad
- † St. Mark's Community req. by Fr. Tad

**@ 11 am**

- † Mario, Renato, & Gino Colosimo req. by Angela Colosimo & Family

## Pray For the Recently Deceased

Virginia Arlt



## Confessions

**Saturday 9:30 to 10 am & 4 to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment**



## Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 1 pm and on the First Friday of the month from 9:30 am to 7 pm ending with Benediction**. We ask for help to ensure **at least 2 people** in the church each hour of Adoration by **signing in** with the **paper registration sheet at the back of the church**. Please consider attending for even 5-10 minutes.

## Is God Calling You

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



## St. Mark's Church Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm

### INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN OF ST. MARK'S PARISH

**Come and Have FUN singing, acting, and telling the story of Jesus' birth.** We are looking for **YOU** to cast in the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more! We are also looking for Parents & High School Volunteers to assist with this event.

### FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 1 TO 3 PM

Pick up a registration form in the church foyer  
**OR** use the QR code to go to the online registration form.



**Volunteers** are also needed. Please see the sign up sheet in the church lobby.

Lastly, there will be an **All Ministry Choir** for anyone who would like to join in singing at the Pageant. Please contact Eugenie at [eugenievlandry@rogers.com](mailto:eugenievlandry@rogers.com).

## 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

Have you heard that 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Church? Millions of pilgrims will journey to Rome, enter through the Holy Doors of 4 major basilicas and open their hearts to receive the many graces of this special year. OCY will be taking a group of 100 young adult pilgrims to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth from **July 23 to August 5, 2025**. This amazing pilgrimage is the spiritual opportunity of a lifetime – remember that a Jubilee only comes around once every 25 years! To join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team, email [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org)

## Retrouvaille

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting, or do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

**HOPE IS A PHONE CALL AWAY**

416-281-6007

[www.torontoretrouvaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouvaille.com)

## Project Rachel



Women suffering after abortion need support. If this is your pain, or the grief of someone you know, consider the upcoming Project Rachel retreat at St. Mary's Refuge, **November 8-10, 2024.**

For more information, contact us through our confidential phone line at 289-691-6840 or e-mail at [ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org), or visit [stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).



**To place an order for honey from the Carmelite Nuns in Zephyr, go to:**

<https://www.myvocationislove.ca/en/honey-sale/>

# NOVEMBER 3, 2024

## Parish Ministries

### It's Not Too Late to Join a St. Mark's Ministry!



If you were not able to make it to the Ministry Fair last weekend, it is not too late to join one of our many ministry groups. Scan the QR code, complete and submit the brief questionnaire and someone will contact you.

## Shepherds' Trust Collection November 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>



There will be a second collection on Nov. 16/17, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

## Horizons of Hope Seminar November 7, 14, 21, 28

The way our society views matters of life and death has changed rapidly over the years, often in ways that emphasize personal autonomy over the Church's teaching that the end of our life's journey is in God's hands not our own. Our Church, with all its resources, is ready and willing to help us discern the best approach to issues relating to the end of life.

**Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care is a program with an emphasis on a 'good death,' palliative care and living life to the end in as positive way as possible.**

This program will help parishioners in the following areas:

- Understanding the Experience of Death and Dying
- Discerning and Decision-making at the End-of-Life
- Accompanying others at the End-of-Life

It does so through discussions led by a facilitator, as well as participation in small and large group sessions, use of videos, questions for private reflection and multiple suggestions for growth in understanding the issues relating to the end of life.

**This program will take place at St. Mark's Church on November 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 7:30 to 9 pm.**

Please register by putting your contact information on the list in the lobby.



**November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

Our next EDGE night for youth in Grades 5 to 8 will be on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm.

**Please invite your friends!**

For further information, email our Youth Minister, Grant, at [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com).  
**Follow us on Instagram: @stmarksyouthmin**



## MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Hall**



### This month's movie:

#### War Room

With great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.

**Pizza, drinks, and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm**

**Movie to start at 6:30pm**

**The movie is free of charge.**

**Running Time: 120 minutes**

## Recollection for Women

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9:30 pm**

The Women's Recollection at St. Mark's Church is a moment of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you come up with creative ways to live your faith in your family, social and professional life.

**Confessions and Talk given by a Priest of Opus Dei**

## Knights of Columbus Fraternal Night

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm**



Our next Fraternal Knight is on Tuesday, Nov 26 at 7:45 pm in the Knight's Meeting Room downstairs in the hall. All Catholic men and their spouses are welcome to attend to learn about Knights of Columbus Insurance, RRSP, and TFSA products. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP via email to [gk10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk10874@ontariokofc.ca) if you are interested in attending, a virtual option will be available, or see one of our Knights at an upcoming Mass.

## Sunday Missals



The 2025 Sunday Missals are on sale in the Church foyer.

**Cost: \$5**

## Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

### *Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)*

Give via pre-authorized transfers directly from your bank account.

PAG allows you to support your parish even when you are away - a benefit to the church, since expenses continue all year long.

To sign-up for the St. Mark's Pre-Authorized Giving program, please go to:

<https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>  
Complete the form and attach a void cheque which can be dropped off at the church office or put in the collection basket. Forms are also available in the lobby of the church.

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*Psalm 25:4-5*

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